



DESIGN-BUILD DISCUSSED AT CBC EVENT

NEW BRITAIN, CT – Connecticut Building Congress members and friends in the A/E/C community discussed Design-Build past, present and future last night on the campus of Central Connecticut State University. **Kenneth Russo, CPE** (Director of Preconstruction, KBE Building Corporation) moderated a panel including **Allen V. Herring, P.E.**, (Chief Engineer, Connecticut Department of Construction Services), **James L. Fox, PE** (LEED AP, BVH Integrated Services, P.C., and DBIA New England President), and **James M. McManus, FAIA** (Chairman, The S/L/A/M Collaborative).

Long-standing CBC member **John Oliveto, P.E.**, from Fletcher-Thompson was honored at the program as well for his many years of dedication to the organization.

Mr. Herring provided an interesting perspective on the State of Connecticut's usage of design-build in some of its projects. He toyed with the dual natures of design-build (agile and current) and the State as an owner (slower moving bureaucracy with changing governments and priorities during the life of a project).

Mr. Fox illuminated the larger design-build picture nationwide as being 50% of commercial projects recently awarded, while the percentage in New England is much lower for design-build projects.

Mr. McManus conceded his initial apprehensions twenty years ago that the design-build structure would bankrupt the industry have been proven inaccurate. He then went on to stress the benefits of leveraging contractor and subcontractor expertise during the design process.

The consensus was that design-build saves money, eliminates waste, and often creates a superior product. Design-build is here to stay.

Join CBC next month as it discusses the changing Higher Education environment and how it relates to building professionals at Manchester Community College on February 12th. Registration is available on CBC's website, www.cbc-ct.org.

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Photos Attached:

IMG_3993 – A. Herring, J. McManus, J. Fox and K. Russo at the podium discuss Design-Build for a packed house

IMG_3940 – J. Oliveto smiling as R. Goodin (CBC President) discusses Mr. Oliveto's long career and many contributions to the organization and the industry

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